

IN ABSTRACT:

For the purpose of suitably making comparison between a previously acquired reference image and a real-time image currently being acquired, a reference image G_0 and a scan condition J_0 therefor are stored, the reference image G_0 and scan condition J_0 are read out, a real-time image G_1 is acquired after setting the scan condition J_0 , and the reference image G_0 and real-time image G_1 are displayed side by side.